REMARKS

Applicant filed Amendment C on September 23, 2005 in response to the Office Action of June 23, 2005. It is respectfully submitted that Amendment C addressed and overcame each of the Examiner's objections and rejections in the Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the drawings and specification and arguments in Amendment C be entered and considered at this time.

In the communication of January 25, 2006, the Examiner objects only to the addition of new Claims 71-88 as lacking an indication that new Claims 71-88 read on the previously elected species.

In order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are canceling Claims 71-88, rendering the Examiner's objection moot. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn, and the application allowed for the reasons explained in Amendment C.

<u>Information Disclosure Statement</u>

Applicants are filing an information disclosure statement (IDS) herewith. It is respectfully requested that this IDS be entered and considered prior to the issuance of any further action on this application.

Conclusion

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee should be due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account no. 50-1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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